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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Nicholson Broughton, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Richmond Field Division, and Andre Parker, Chief of the Richmond Police Department, announce the sentencing today of Lamar Fentress, age 25, to 12 years and 11 months of imprisonment by the United States District Court Judge Robert E. Payne, for possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Fentress pled guilty to the charges on November 20, 2002.

On September 18, 2002, DEA agents and Richmond Police officers executed a search warrant at 3006 Chamberlayne Ave. # 11 in Richmond. When they entered and secured the residence, Fentress was found sitting on the toilet and approximately 3.7 ounces of cocaine base was recovered from the toilet. A subsequent search of the residence yielded approximately 2 ounces of cocaine base, three (3) digital scales, four cellular telephones, narcotics packaging material, and razor blades. A .44 Magnum was recovered in a kitchen drawer. Additionally, a search of Fentress' person yielded \$2,342 in U.S. currency.

The case was investigated by agents from the DEA and the City of Richmond Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Roderick C. Young prosecuted the case for the United States.